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TRANSPORT SYSTEM FOR ADVANCING CONTAINERS. For:

AND CURVE SECTION OF SUCH A TRANSPORT SYSTEM

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[] Applicant claims small entity status pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.27.

Enclosed are:

- Application Data Sheet pursuant to 37 CFR 1.76.
- [X] Specification with 20 pages, 21 claims and 7 sheets of drawing.
- [X] Facsimile transmitted copy of Declaration with [X] Power of attorney.
- [X] Facsimile transmitted copy of Assignment.
- [X] Cover letter in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §3.31 to accompany the assignment submitted for recording.
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[] A priority document.

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Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.10 and §1.53, applicant respectfully requests that this application be assigned an application number and a filing date of February 27, 2004, the date upon which the application was mailed to the Patent and Trademark Office by Express Mail.

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Applicant hereby claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 (a)-(d) on the basis of German Patent Applications Nos. 103 08 657.9, filed February 27, 2003, and 103 15 505.8, filed April 4, 2003.

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